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To: New Jersey Agricultural Education Teachers

From: Nancy J. Trivette, Program Leader, Agricultural Education

Re: Spring Agricultural Education Professional Development Conference
"LifeKnowledge (Real lessons for real life) Training"

The NJ Department of Agriculture, Office of Agricultural Education (NJDE registered provider #847) will conduct a professional development conference for agriculture teachers on Friday, March 19th, 2004 at the Cook College Student Center, Room 202, New Brunswick NJ. This conference will be held in conjunction with the MFE and ALD Student Leadership Conferences. The conference, worth 5 "professional development hours", is designed to introduce agricultural educators to the LifeKnowledge curriculum.

National FFA Local Program Success Specialist, Kevin Keith, will provide training on the use of this comprehensive teaching material focused on leadership development, personal growth and career success. This conference will provide you with practical learning strategies and instructional materials to empower young people.

As in the past there will be opportunity for teachers to acquire professional development tools by attending the conference. Teachers will receive the 3-CD set of LifeKnowledge materials. These CDs include 275 lessons, transparency masters, quizzes/tests, exercises and self-assessments. There will be other free materials, sample textbooks and Ag Ed Marketing tools available on a first come, first serve basis.

If you have any questions; please call me at 1.877.Ag Ed FFA. Please note that the conference ends at 5:00 pm. Professional development certificates will not be presented until the end of the conference. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

Registration Deadline:	February 27, 2004 (register on MFE/ ALD registration – 9.003a)
Conference Date:	March 19, 2004
Start Time:	9:00 AM
Location:	Cook College Student Center, Biel Road Room 202, New Brunswick, NJ
Fee:	\$25.00 (covers breaks and lunch)